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SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" Without assuming anything, Sir, unless there is reasonable basis, may I ask, whether the Hon. Minister can tell me how long will the effects of drunkenness be on the man." (Laughter.)

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The question again is an elementary proposition as to the burden of proof. When it is charged that any man is out of order in his behaviour, the burden of proof is on those who allege, and if you are not able to produce evidence, it does not mean that we should presume that the allegation is true."

American 'Hallet' Pumpsets.

* 246 *Q.*—SRI M. MUNI REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many American " Hallet " pumpsets were purchased in the years 1948–49, 1949–50, 1950–51 and 1951–52 and from whom;

(*b*) whether they were purchased with the necessary spare parts;

(*c*) whether the importers have the necessary original and genuine spare parts for the pumpsets supplied to the Government;

(*d*) how many engines are in working order; how many are condemned; and what is the life of the engine supplied when compared to other makes available in the market; and

(*e*) how many Petter Kirloskar sets were purchased and what is the cost of each set?

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" (*a*) One-hundred and six numbers of American " Hallet " engines (96 numbers of 8-h.p. units and 10 of 18-h.p. units) were purchased by the Agricultural department in the year 1949–50 for hiring to ryots. There were no purchases of this make either previous or subsequent to this.

" (*b*) No.

" (*c*) Yes.

" (*d*) No. As the repairs to the engines are carried out in the mufassal then and there when they fall into disrepair, it is not possible to give the number of engines in working order at any time. No engine has so far been condemned. The life of these engines is eight years as in the case of other makes.

" (*e*) Fifty (50) numbers of AV. 2 Petter/Kirloskar sets of 6-h.p. were acquired during 1950–51 for hiring out to ryots, at a cost of Rs. 2,620 each exclusive of sales tax."

Housing Scheme at Madanapalle.

* 247 *Q.*—SRI D. SEETHARAMIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Housing Scheme at Madanapalle was taken up by the Co-operative department;